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Title: Efficient Architectures for Protection Against Network Failures

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2006 in the above-referenced application, Applicant hereby requests reinstatement of the appeal. A Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief are submitted concurrently herewith. The fees previously paid in conjunction with the prior Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief filed August 17, 2005 and October 19, 2005, respectively, should be applied to the present Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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